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SIR,

I WAS in company the other evening with ſome Gentlemen and Ladies, who were lamenting the preſent want of taſte, and inquiring among themſelves what could be the occaſion of it. Various, Mr. BAVIUS, were the reaſons aſſigned. Some imputed it to our bringing into the world too ſoon the young ones of either ſex. The want of a ſufficient foundation in our youths, before they are let looſe to acquire, by the commerce of the world, the knowledge of it, and a behaviour proper for all parts of life, was (according to them) the occaſion of ſuch numbers of raw boys of 25 and 30 years, that infeſt all public and private places, and are incapable of converſation, and conſequently of improvement. As to the youthful part of the other ſex, they were of opinion, that their too early acquaintance with ours, made them too ſoon acquainted with their own beauty; which being repreſented to them as their diſtinguiſhing characteriſtic, they were thereby induced to apply their chief care to the cultivation of that, and almoſt entirely to neglect, as a thing altogether unneceſſary, the acquirement of intellectual qualifications.

A Gentleman of a ſplenetic turn of mind, who had liſtened a good while without ſpeaking, at laſt broke ſilence, by telling us, that tho' he entirely agreed with us, yet ſince empires, as well as arts and ſciences, had their riſe and declenſion, he rather thought our period was come; and that henceforward there was little to be expected but a gradual decreaſe of every thing that was good: for which reaſon he had reſolved to keep leſs and leſs company, and to live more within himſelf. We did not care to put him upon proving his aſſertion, by ſhewing the ſymptoms of this fatal period, but contented ourſelves, with telling him, that we hoped things were not ſo bad, but that a cure might be found out. He ſhook his head, and made no anſwer.

My opinion, Mr. BAVIUS, being then aſked, I told them, that I thought there muſt be more than one reaſon for this want of taſte; and that ſo great a depravation could not ariſe from any one ſingle cauſe. That as to myſelf, I did really believe, that the preſent degeneracy of the Stage was one principal occaſion of that of our taſte. For as in former times the Stage was looked upon as the ſchool of riper youth (and indeed ſo it ought to be) from whence they were to copy their manners, and gather their knowledge of the world in ſome degree; ſo the young people of both ſexes were ſtill taught the ſame doctrine, and frequented plays with the good will of their parents, in this very view. And therefore it is no wonder, when ridiculous, ſtupid, obſcene, and infamous Pieces are repreſented, that ridiculous, ſtupid, obſcene, and infamous characters are formed by both ſexes, and ſeen ſo often, and in ſuch numbers on the theatre of the world.

This notion appeared ſo juſt to moſt of the company, that we immediately dropped all further enquiry into this matter, and turned our thoughts to the remedying of this diſorder of the ſtage. Many ſchemes were propoſed for this effect, and many objections raiſed. At laſt one of the company, a moſt inveterate enemy to any thing that tends to debaſe the underſtanding, or corrupt the morals, after having in a ſuccinct manner, by ſhort quotations from every Piece that has been acted ſince the beginning of laſt winter, ſhewn that they were either ſilly, lewd, or immoral, and expreſt his utter deteſtation of them, went on in the following manner. ——— I have liſtened (ſaid he) with great attention to the ſeveral ſchemes you have propoſed, for reſtoring the Stage to its former ſtate; but I think none of them goes to the root of the evil. For my part, I know none ſo likely to be effectual, as taking the management of the Stage out of the hands of thoſe, that now conduct it. I don't mean either the oeconomical, or the profitable part of it; I mean only that the receiving, or rejecting of Plays ſhould not lye in the breaſt of the managing-actors. I would propoſe, that a Committee of three, or five perſons, Gentlemen, if poſſible, of rank and figure, and men of known wit and learning, ſhould be appointed to ſit at certain times weekly, and receive all Plays that ſhall be offered, without reſpect of perſons, favour, or intereſt. Theſe Gentlemen, if three, ſhould have a ſalary of 300 l. per ann. if five, but of 200 l. the majority ſhould determine which Plays ſhould be received, and which rejected; and the Houſe ſhould be obliged to act ſo many every ſeaſon as had been approved. This would not only excite a much greater number of Gentlemen to write, becauſe they would not be obliged to pay ſervile court to perſons beneath themſelves, but likewiſe prevent the increaſe of bad Poets, who would have no hopes at all of getting their Plays acted.

There were but two difficulties raiſed againſt this ſcheme; the firſt was the finding out a fund for the payment of this theatrical commiſſion; and the ſecond, that as the managers were to ſtand to the expence of acting new Plays, it ſeemed hard not to let them have the choice of what Plays they were to act. —— It was replied to this by the ſame Gentleman, that he believed the yearly profits of the managers were ſo conſiderable, that there would be no very great hardſhip in ſubjecting them to act what much better judges than themſelves ſhould think proper; and that they would run much leſs riſque then, than they do now. As to the finding out a fund, he would propoſe no other method, than the raiſing the boxes a ſhilling, and the pit ſix pence, which he computed would produce ſufficient to pay the ſalaries and an officer or two more to ſupervile the collection; and this he believed the town would readily come into, for the ſake of being more decently, agreeably, and ſenſibly entertained.

How you, Mr. BAVIUS, will approve this ſcheme, I don't know; I was deſired by the company to communicate it to you for your ſentiments of it; which having done, I beg leave to ſubſcribe myſelf,

July 27, 1732. Your moſt humble ſervant,

THEATRICUS.

DRAMATICUS to another DRAMATICUS, *alias* DRAMATICUS Senior, in the *Daily Courant* of July 29.

SIR,

ALtho' I think it very hard, that you ſhould take up the cudgels againſt a near relation (at leaſt a name ſake) in behalf of the *Comedian*, one whom you ſolemnly declare you do not know, no more than you do me, I ſhall not refuſe to enter the liſts with you, tho' I do it very unwillingly, and ſhould have been very glad to have been excuſed. But before I proceed I muſt beg your attention to two things.

The firſt is, that thoſe who unprovoked and unjuſtly begin an attack are generally in the wrong, and anſwerable for all that follows. I neither attacked the *Comedian*, nor you, till both of you fell unexpectedly upon me, the *Comedian* in a moſt dogmatical, contemptuous manner, and you, Sir, in a leſs ſhocking indeed, but more ſevere one, becauſe you attempt to reaſon.

The ſecond thing is, that I am ſorry you choſe the *Courant* to publiſh your thoughts in, that paper being dedicated to political facts, written in anſwer to the Enemies of the Government, and I, one of their moſt zealous friends, have therefore ſome ſcruple in my conſcience, whether I ſhould draw my pen againſt any perſon that appears in a paper ſacred to that uſe. For which reaſon, if you ſhould think fit to honour me with any further notice, I muſt beg you would chuſe ſome other paper, or elſe not look upon my future ſilence as a mark of your victory; and I hope the managers of the *Courant*, who have not admitted your letter this time without ſome difficulty, will be more obdurate another.

I come now, Sir, to the conſideration of the letter itſelf, and firſt I remark, that the Witticiſm you are pleaſed to beſtow on Sir JOHN FALSTAFF and me turns very much to my advantage. ——— You do me the honour to ſay, *I think I reaſon*, while I only *wrangle*. If *I think I reaſon*, ſurely I am more juſtifiable in writing, than if *I thought I did not*. I do not then endeavour to impoſe upon others what I am conſcious is wrong myſelf. I then deceive myſelf firſt. *Humanum eſt errare*. You may think *I wrangle*; *I*, that you *reaſon*. We are both equally ingenuous and candid in confeſſing it, and neither of us ought to be dealt too hardly with, ſuppoſing we are both miſtaken in our opinions, that is ſuppoſing, I really *reaſon*, and you only *wrangle*, which, after all, may be the truth.

But how do you make out that *I wrangle?* becauſe I don't think that what is ſaid in the *Comedian* about Plays anſwers the title of the diſcourſe, which is really the caſe; tho' you rather than not juſtify that author, are forced to have recourſe to the loweſt degree of *wrangling*, viz downright *quibbling*, as I ſhall make appear in a very few words.

Here is a Gentleman, who ſtiles himſelf the *Comedian*, and promiſes the town in his bill of fare, *ſome reflections on modern Plays*. Inſtead of which, at firſt ſetting out, he declares himſelf totally ignorant of thoſe mentioned in the article, having neither *ſeen*, nor *read them*, and reſolving *never to read them*; but not to baulk us quite, he makes another perſon call them *ſtuff*, *a long catalogue of rubbiſh*, *indigeſted traſh*, *and nonſenſe*. It is poſſible moſt of the there mention'd pieces may deſerve theſe appellations. I don't diſagree in the cenſure paſs'd on them in the main, but I think *ſtuff*, *rubbiſh*, *traſh* and *nonſenſe*, are moſt improperly call'd *reflections*, which ſeem to imply ſomething more. But this remark of mine was made only *en paſſant*, and not much dwelt upon, and therefore ought not to have been ſo waſpiſhly ſnapp'd at. Beſides, is it not a moſt injudicious, not to ſay abſurd thing, for one who ſets up for a reflecter on modern Plays, to declare himſelf profoundly ignorant of them? where was the neceſſity for this? why muſt he bring a country Gentleman to town on purpoſe to call them names to ſave his credit? That there are ſuch things I'll very readily grant you, as *general reflections*, and *pieces*, which *are beneath criticiſm*. But then, either all the pieces mention'd, and the reſt tacitly referr'd to were ſuch, which ſurely cannot be ſaid of all; or elſe it was incumbent on this Gentleman, or his friend, to have given ſome few *reflections* on them: which might have been entertaining, as well as inſtructive, and juſtify'd, without your laboured quibbling, the title of the diſcourſe. But he had unfortunately, by the ſcene he layed, tyed up his own hands: and to chuſe a country Gentleman for a critic *en detail*, would have been a little abſurd, many other characters being preferably to be choſen for that end. It helps you very little to ſay † *an unprejudiced reader* would not underſtand by the *Comedian*'s words, that he really had neither *read*, nor *ſeen* thoſe pieces: for, if we are to ſuppoſe he had both *read* and *ſeen* them, the abſurdity, as well as ſtupidity of the ſcene laid becomes more flagrant, and the execution of his plan more ridiculous. Upon the whole, Sir, your juſtification of the *Comedian* in this particular ſeems to carry more of the *wrangling* or *quibbling* genius in it, than my condemnation of him; and ſo I leave it to the opinion of the town.

The next thing in which you are pleaſed to become an advocate for the *Comedian* is, where he pompouſly aſſerts, ‡ that *unerring reaſon is the only guide, and no other rule neceſſary to be obſerved in writing Plays*, tho' he ſays in the ſame breath, *other talents are requiſite under the conduct of this only guide*; and that *a meer reaſonable man*, that is, a *man that has only this guide, cannot write a Play*. I thought I had given the moſt favourable conſtruction of this ſublime period, when I ſaid, I thought it meant that *a man of ſenſe could not write a Play without a genius*. I'm ſure, if you conſtrue it literally, it will turn out abſolute *nonſenſe*. Neither do I find, that you declare yourſelf any where of his opinion. You endeavour indeed to juſtify the *Comedian* by miſ-ſtating what I ſay. You make me very unfairly diſapprove of *reaſon* and *nature* as a *guide*; which I believe you'll be puzzled to find in any part of my letter: and then moſt ridiculouſly ask me, What I will ſubſtitute in its place? *Erring reaſon? or that which is not reaſon.* Oh ſilly! poor DRAMATICUS *ſenior*, thou doteſt! or elſe art naturally very *quarrelſome*.

I come, now, Sir, to the laſt point of your juſtification of the *Comedian*, and your unfairneſs to me; and for once agree with you, that this Gentleman having ſeen or read the *Modern Husband*, may poſſibly *be a judge, whether it was liable to the cenſure paſſed on the reſt*, without *having ſeen them*, that is, may *poſſibly* be a judge whether it was *ſtuff*, *rubbiſh*, *traſh* and *nonſenſe*: but I cannot go ſo far as to think him *a proper perſon to make reflections on Plays, he had neither read, nor ſeen, or to give one the preference before all the others*: which, Sir, if you'll be pleaſed to turn to my letter, you'll find is all I ſay, and is ſomewhat different from what you are ſo juſt as to put in my mouth: ſo that the *folly* complained of, by only changing the epithet, muſt lye at your door.

I am very glad you think the reſt of my remarks too *confuſedly made*, and *concluſions* too *void of meaning to admit of any obſervations on them*: for, as I have purſued you ſtep by ſtep, in caſe you had done ſo by me, I ſhould have had more trouble than I really care for.

I now take my leave of you, and *ſolemnly declare I neither know who* the COMEDIAN is, *nor who* DRAMATICUS *ſenior*; *and I am, without partiality, unleſs attachment to truth is partiality, a well-wiſher* to him, as well as to you.

London, July the 31, 1732. DRAMATICUS.

† I think a *reader* muſt be very much prejudiced againſt *The Comedian*, to ſuppoſe him capable of ſo great a falſehood, as to declare he had been *neither a ſpectator, nor reader of any of them*, when he had been either the one, or the other. BAV.

‡ The writer of this letter ſays, Mr. DRAMATICUS *ſuppoſes no Poet has unerring reaſon for a guide.* —Yes, and he has very good reaſon for *ſuppoſing* it: becauſe this *unerring reaſon*, is generally obſtructed by falſe prejudices, obſcured by our paſſions, and blinded by ſelf-love, and that great opinion we entertain of our own excellencies. Let DRAMATICUS *Senior* give an inſtance of a Dramatic Poet leſs expoſed to theſe inconveniences than other men. — Mr. DRAMATICUS had inſerted by way of ſneer, from *the Comedians* words: *ſo nature and unerring reaſon are the ſame*; to which this DRAMATICUS *ſenior* ſays, 'So they are, 'Sir, and have been always taken for the ſame by much great-'er men than DRAMATICUS or *the Comedian*.' — I can produce twenty ſignifications of the word *nature*, and above ten of the word *reaſon*; and deny, that theſe two words, taken in any of them, can ſignify preciſely the ſame thing. If they did, *nature* would be *unerring reaſon*, and *unerring reaſon* would be *nature*. And therefore Mr. DRAMATICUS *Senior*'s way of proof is very deficient, 'What 'is rational is natural, and what is irrational is unnatural, 'in compoſition, and other human actions'. For, to prove his point, the argument ought to proceed thus, What-ever is rational is natural, and whatever is natural is rational: which, I believe, he will not undertake to defend. BAV.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
WE. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

Hyp-Oratical Puffs and Advertiſements in the month of July.

Hyp Advertiſements, 4. Oratorical ditto 6 In all 10. — Hyp Puffs, 5. Oratorical, ditto, 4. In all. 9. — Increaſed in the Advertiſements this month, 1. — Decreaſed in the Puffs, 1.

THURSDAY, *July* 27.

Yeſterday morning her Majeſty, his R. Highneſs the Prince of Wales, and all the R. Family took the diverſion of hunting the ſtag in the new Park at Richmond; and afterwards were all elegantly entertained at dinner at the ſeat of his Grace the D. of Newcaſtle, at Claremont in Surry. *C. D P.* ——— There was a ball which laſted 'till 3 in the morning. *C.* 28.

The ſame day the R. Hon. the L. Mayor, &c. held a Court of Contervacy on the river of Thames at Putney and Fulham; and afterwards dined at the red Lyon at New Brentford. *C. D P. D J.*

Yeſterday morning Rob. Ellement, *alias* Country Bob, was executed at Tyburn: Dan. Tipping was reprieved for 14 days. *C. P. D J.* ——— 700 l. are order'd to be paid out of the Treaſury for apprehending thoſe condemned laſt ſeſſions. *D J.*

On tueſday the Aſſizes ended at Hertford when 3 men received ſentence of death for dear-ſtealing. *C. D P.* — Four, 3 for murder, and 1 for the highway. *P.*

They write from Shields, that on the 13th, about 5 in the evening, the Oliveberry of Whitby, Tho. Hoult, Maſter, loaded with coals, ſtruck upon the rock call'd Sparrow-hawk, and in a few minutes ſunk, and all the company periſhed. *D P.*

We hear from Weſtmoreland, that on the 18th the Hon. Governor Lowther's Lady was ſafely deliver'd of a ſon and heir at his houſe at Meabourne, &c. *S J.*

Yeſterday was married a Gentlewoman upwards of 60, and a plentiful fortune, to a perſon of 25, at the Chappel in Coventry-Court, in the Hay market *S J.* ——— Laſt tueſday evening a Waiter at the Bowling-Green at Marybone, going into the baſon to fetch out the body of a man who was drowned laſt ſaturday, ſunk to the bottom and was drowned likewiſe. *D J.* *The former perſon, I think, will be drowned, without ſinking to the bottom.*

Chriſtened Males 150, Females 166. In all 316. —— Buried Males 201, Females 168. In all 369. ——— Increaſed in the burials 41. *S J.*

FRIDAY, *July* 28.

Yeſterday a Court of Common-Council was held at Guildhall; when it was reſolved, that, for the future, the place of Keeper of Newgate ſhould be at the diſpoſal of the L. Mayor and Court of Aldermen; and that to be held during pleaſure; and in conſideration of the fees due to the R. Hon. the L. Mayor and Sheriffs for the time, the City on ſuch occaſions, ſhould allow 2000 l. to be equally divided between the L. Mayor and two Sheriffs. *C. D P.* —— It was reſolved, that the Sheriffs for the time ought to have the appointment of a Keeper; and that the ſum of 1000 l. ſhould be given to the preſent Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. *D J.*

Laſt tueſday at the Aſſizes at Buckingham came on a tryal between the Charitable Corporation and the Aſſignees of Bankruptcy of Mr. Geo. Robinſon, when it was found that Mr. Robinſon was no dealer, or liable to become a Bankrupt, ſo a Verdict went againſt the Aſſignees. *D P.*

Yeſterday two young Gentlemen, having had ſome words at a tavern concerning a young Lady, challeng'd each other to fight, and met in Lincoln's-Inn fields to decide the matter, and in the combate one of them broke his ſword. *C.* —— *I ſuppoſe theſe* Gentlemen *were unmarried, otherwiſe* one of them *had* broke his horn, *inſtead of* his ſword.

Yeſterday morning Will. Biſhop was committed to Newgate by Sir John Gonſon, for an aſſault on Will. Curtis, with an intent to commit the horrid and deteſtable ſin of Sodomy, &c. *D P.* —— An information upon oath hath been given of a club or ſociety of Sodomites, who meet together weekly, in ſeveral parts of the town, in maſquerade habits, many of them in women's apparel, the better to carry on their vile and deteſtable practiſes; and that Warrants are iſſued out to apprehend ſeveral of thoſe wretches. *D J. C.* —— *I take this to be a reflection upon* maſquerades, *by ſome diſaffected perſon.*

SATURDAY, *July* 29.

We hear from Cheſter, that on monday laſt Rob. Groſvenor, Eſq; (brother to the late Sir Richard) came thither to offer his ſervice to the Citizens to repreſent them in Parliament. He was attended by a great number of Gentlemen of the firſt diſtinction from all the adjacent parts. There was the handſomeſt appearance that was ever known upon the like occaſion, and the recommendation met with the deſired ſucceſs, and ſo great a majority of the freemen expreſſed ſuch an hearty zeal for a candidate of that honourable family, as will doubtleſs, render all oppoſition vain and inſignificant. ——— On tueſday evening Sir Tho. Groſvenor, Bar. Repreſentative in Parliament for that City, was ſworn Alderman in the room of his lately deceaſed brother. *D P.*

On thurſday morning at Hatfield two of the Grandſons of Sir Jam. Hallet being in a chaiſe going for Hertford, the horſes upon ſome diſtaſte ran away ſo furiouſly, that the Coachman could not ſtop them; one of the young Gentlemen therefore jump'd out of the chaiſe, and was very much bruiſed, the other was thrown out and hurt ſo much that his life is deſpaired of, as is alſo the Coachman's: and the ſame afternoon a footman was ſent with the ſaid chaiſe and horſes to London, when a perſon on the road gave him a ſhilling to ride; but coming by Kentiſh town the horſes were again frighten'd and ran away, whereby the perſon was thrown out of the chaiſe and broke his leg, and the footman was kill'd on the ſpot. *D P.* —— *Why ſhould* a footman *pretend to be a* Chaiſe-man, *or* Coach man?

Dartmouth, July 25. This day ſtood off and on a ſmall ſloop of about 15 tons, which pretends to come from Dublin, and bound for London; ſhe had on board 6 or 7 paſſengers, men and women, who were on the deck. I went on board, and demanded who was the Maſter; they told me he was gone on ſhore: I aſked them to open the hatches; they ſaid, the Maſter had the key. I directly went on ſhore, and to my great ſurprize, found by the two men who were on ſhore, that the Maſter was on board. Then I went on board her again; when they ſtill inſiſted that the Maſter was on ſhore; but I could not learn either the veſſel or Maſter's name; ſome ſaid the veſſel's name was Hannah, and others Mary; ſome that the Maſter's name was Macowee, and others Conoly, but I believe neither of them were right. At laſt I broke open the hatches, and to my great ſurprize, found about 20 luſty young men in her hold, who told me that they were going to London to Haymaking; but I am of opinion that they are inliſted for ſome foreign Power. *C. D J.*

At Whey hill-fair cheeſe was ſold was at 5 s. a hundred leſs than uſual, and 'tis believed wheat will not yield above 20 d. a buſhel. *S J.*

At the horſe-races at Huntingdon, on thurſday laſt, as Mr. Rich's horſe Caſt away, and the D. of Ancaſter's Grey-horſe, Gentleman, were running the 2d heat, an old woman croſſing the courſe was rode over, by which they were both flung down and diſtanced, and Mr. Fleetwood's Fox-hunter won the 40 guineas. *S J.*

Laſt night Lewis de Vic, a Frenchman, who ſays he is brother to the Marq. de Vic, and an Officer in the French Service; and Paul Cray, ſuppoſed an Iriſhman, tho' he ſays he is a Frenchman, but born of Iriſh Parents, and a Cadet in the Lord Clare's Regiment in France; were both committed to Newgate for felony and burglary, in breaking open a trunk belonging to Abr. Elton, Eſq; and taking a diamond ring, value 60 l. two ſuits of laced cloaths, three pair of laced ruffles, a laced houſing and horſe furniture, with other things, in the dwelling-houſe of Mrs. Gibbons in Suffolk ſtreet: it appeared on their examination, that they took a lodging about three weeks ago at Mrs. Gibbons's, and kept a chariot and ſeemed great perſons; that they viſited Mr. Elton who lodged in the ſame houſe, and he returned the Viſit; but he going laſt week to Tunbridge, Cray went into his room, and broke open the trunk, and Vic ſtood by while the things were taken away; that Cray afterwards went in a chariot with another gentleman, and ſold the ring to a Silverſmith at Charing Croſs for 34 l. After which they packed up their things and went to Graveſend, and from thence to Sittingborne in Kent, where they were apprehended by a ſoldier in General Tatton's regiment, to whom they offered a bill of exchange for 500 l. and a promiſe of a command in the French ſervice if he would let them go, and go with them; but he brought them to Graveſend, and ſo to Town: they did not deny the fact, but ſhuffled it from one to another: they were genteel well-dreſſed men, about 28 or 30 years of age; de Vic ſpeaks no Engliſh, but Cray does. *L E.* —— *They will both be forced to* ſpeak *plain* Engliſh *at the Old Bailey.*

MONDAY, *July* 31.

Saturday laſt were committed to Newgate, 2 Lilliputian ſtreet-robbers, viz. Capt. Cartouch, *alias* Cha. Patrick (a boy of about 16 years of age) and Will. Meeds charg'd on the oath of Will. Booth (another boy) for being concern'd with him in ſeveral robberies, particularly one near Cavendiſh ſquare, where they aſſaulted a Gentlewoman on the highway; Patrick preſented a piſtol, and ſwore he would ſhoot her in caſe of reſiſtance, one of them knock'd her down, and cut off her pocket, which they made off with, wherein was a fine mother of pearl ſnuff-box with a ſilver rim, &c. There are three more of the Lilliputian gang all in ſafe cuſtody. *D J.* —— Oyner White, and Joſ. Vaughan. *C.*

The aſſizes at Abingdon ended July 25, when 3 perſons were capitally convicted. —— At Oxford on the 28th, which proved a maiden Aſſizes. —— At Chelmsford the ſame day, where 3 were convicted capitally. *P.*

On ſaturday 3 of the South-Sea Company's ſhips came up the river with 8 whales from Greenland. *D P.* Good ſucceſs. *C. D J.*

On friday, 2 Gentlemen, one a mid-ſhip man, coming from Rocheſter to Graveſend in a chaiſe, were robbed by 2 highwaymen of 39 s. a ſilver watch, and gold headed cane: the 2 Gentlemen had not rode much farther, but they met with another misfortune by overturning the chaiſe, but they happily got no harm. *P.* —— *It is certain, that theſe were* 2 Gentlemen *by the* 39s. *the* ſilver watch, and the golden headed cane: *but where was the* misfortune *of being* overturned, *when* they happily got no harm?

TUESDAY, *Auguſt* 1.

By letters from Hanover we hear, that his Majeſty has declared his Royal intention of ſetting out for England the 15th of next month. *C. D P.*

The report that the R. Hon. the L. Viſc. How was ſet out for his Government of Barbadoes is intirely groundleſs, &c. *C.*

At the Aſſizes of York 5 perſons received ſentence of death. *D P.*

On tueſday at the races of Barham Downs, near Canterbury, the King's plate of 100 guineas was won by a horſe called Diamond. *D P.* ——— *The* P. *of yeſterday ſaid it* was carried off by Mr. Whitaker's horſe Temple.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

July the 31ſt, 1732.

Mr. BAVIUS,

I find in the *Daily Poſt* of this day a very angry letter, occaſion'd by ſome remarks I had made in your laſt weekly paper on two famous, or rather infamous Farces, which have lately been acted at the *Drury lane* Play houſe. This *Letter-writer*, alias *Farce-writer*, alias *Candle-ſnuffer*, after abundance of potent and not-to-be-anſwer'd *Billingſgate* againſt your Society and Journal, accuſes me of a notorious falſhood, in ſaying that thoſe pieces had met with the *univerſal deteſtation of the town*, whereas the Debauchees (he tells us) *was receiv'd with as great applauſe as was ever given ON the Theatre*, and that *the audiences were as numerous as have been known at that ſeaſon.* In anſwer to this modeſt affirmation, and in defence of my own aſſertion, I have a ſmall fact to alledge, which is this: that on the third night, when that *piece* was to have been perform'd for the benefit of the author, the audience was diſmiſs'd, by reaſon of there not being half money enough come in to defray the charge of the houſe. For the truth of this I appeal to WM. HINT, CANDLE-SNUFFER, who loſt his day's pay by the bargain. So that this PHILALETHES (viz. *lover of truth*) is guilty, you ſee, Mr. BAVIUS, of a moſt notorious falſhood himſelf, whilſt he unjuſtly accuſes PUBLICUS of being ſo.

He, as genteely, and full as juſtly, calls my remark on the *Epilogue* an *infamous lie.* I refer the reader to the *Epilogue* itſelf, or to the lines which I made the remark upon, in order to his better judging to *whom* the *lie* doth belong; and he'll ſoon be convinc'd, I dare ſay, that it ought to accompany the *notorious falſhood.*

And after this, Mr. BAVIUS, what does the letter writer do, in what he calls an *anſwer* to all that has been written againſt the performances of a *Gentleman to whom the town has ow'd ſo much diverſion?* Why truly, not attempt to *anſwer* one ſingle objection, or defend one ſingle paſſage that has been quoted againſt him; only by the *trite* and general complaint that PUBLICUS had *tore out ſeveral paſſages* without inſerting the *whole ſpeeches*. If this had been fact, why did not he quote thoſe *ſpeeches* entire, ſhew the miſrepreſentation, and juſtify the writer? Oh no, they were by no means fit to appear any more; he knew the more they were ſtirr'd the more they would ——— and therefore, inſtead of vindicating the writings, he gives us a *full and true account of the birth, parentage, and education* of the *writer*. This is a merry evaſion enough; 'tis like the fool in the Play ——— *If you talk of wit, and fine ſenſe, and all that, ygad; pray what d'ye ſay to this feather in my hat?* Surely, Mr. BAVIUS, an author's high birth is as poor an excuſe for the low ſcurrility in his writings, as his having been *mounted* at Eaton ſchool is for the falſe Engliſh in them. If the *Letter-writer* and *Farce-writer* be the ſame perſon, (as I believe no one will doubt, ſince no other perſon could attempt a vindication of ſuch performances, but he that could write them,) then we need go no farther than the *Daily Poſt* before us, to prove this *high-born, high-bred Gentleman* as incapable of writing one page of good Engliſh, as one ſcene of good ſenſe. In the firſt column he ſays, that the *Debauchees was receiv'd with as great applauſe, as was ever given* ON *the Theatre*, inſtead of *in a Theatre*. In the next column you meet with *human wiſh*, inſtead of *humane wiſh*, which is abſolute nonſence. * So much for this author at preſent: I ſhall take another opportunity to make good what I aſſerted, that his *pen is not only void of wit, modeſty, and good manners, and the moſt common rules of poetry, but even Grammar*, and that too in every ſheet of his productions.

I am, Mr. BAVIUS,
Your very humble ſervant,
PUBLICUS.

P. S. As to the reception the *mock Doctor* has met with from the town, I muſt inform him, that 'tis not owing the poet, but to the player; every one agreeing, that 'tis as ill written, as 'till well acted.

EPIGRAM.

Charg'd with writing of bawdy, this was F——'s reply:
Tis what DRYDEN and CONGREVE have done as well as I.
Tis true — but they did it with this good pretence,
With an ounce of rank bawdy went a pound of good ſenſe:
But thou haſt proportion'd, in thy judgment profound,
Of good ſenſe ſcarce an ounce, and of bawdy a pound.

MÆVIUS.

Dublin, July 22. At the Aſſizes at Wicklow, Samuel Ewart, a ſoldier was condemned for the murder of one Keightly, a Smith in Bray, whom in a quarrel he ſtabbed, ſo that he died on the ſpot. *C. P. D J.* ——— This week one Roſe Neal, between 9 and 10 years old, who lived in a cellar, was ſearched by ſeveral good women, on account of her being abuſed by a wicked wretch, and many of them declare they believe her to be pregnant, having ſymptoms like perſons in that condition. The fellow accuſed made off. *P. D J.* — *July* 25. Laſt ſaturday died of a violent fever Tho. Elrington, Eſq; the famous Tragedian, Deputy Maſter of the revels, Steward of the Commons [Inns. *P.*] and chief of his Majeſty's Company of Comedians. *C. D J.* — An account of the Taylors feaſt this day: 10 dozen of chickens, 37 rumps of beef, 49 legs of mutton, 46 gibelet-pyes, 2 waggons loaded with turneps and carrots, 1 ditto loaded with provocatives of picklings. *P.*— N. B. *They had too much* cabbage *at home, to eat any with their* rumps of beef *abroad.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

TUESDAY, *July* 27.

Extract of a letter from Alicant, *July* 16. N. S. — It ſeems the Spaniards are contented with the taking of Oran, having ordered all their forces back, except 8000; which they leave to garriſon that place; ſo that their Barbary expedition is quite at an end. *P.*

FRIDAY, *July* 28.

Rome, July 12. On the 6th ſome workmen, digging in a field belonging to the Chapter of S. John de Lateran, found 4 ſtatutes, a pillar of Jaſpar, ſeveral urns, lamps, and medals of Roman Emperors. *D P. D J.*

SATURDAY, *July* 29.

Paris, Aug. 1. The Duke of Ormonde is arrived with a numerous equipage at Valencia, where he reſts ſome time, and then ſets out for Barcelona. A good part of his heavy baggage is ſent before him to Avignon. — The Marq. de Pomponne, long afflicted with the gout and rheumatiſm, has found an eaſy, tho' a very odd cure, from a ſimpathetic Doctor, one Pezenas: the operation was thus, he put a kind of powder into the urine of the patient, which put him into a ſweat, and perhaps into a fright, and this way the malignity was diſcharged. *P.*

This day arrived the Mail from Holland.

Seville, July 11. The French ſquadron, which had been at Genoa and Leghorn, is arrived in the road of Algiers. *W. E.* To demand ſatisfaction for the inſult committed on the flag of France. *D P.* 31.

MONDAY, *July* 30.

Yeſterday arrived the Mail from France.

Paris, Aug 1. N. S. They write from Genoa, that the inhabitants of Corſica, being uneaſy to ſee their chiefs in priſon, began to excite new commotions, and had put to the ſword ſeveral ſoldiers and ſbirri that came to carry ſome of them to priſon. The Prince of Wirtemberg, not accuſtomed to little republican arts, inſiſts upon a fair, open, and punctual performance of all the conditions ſtipulated with thoſe unfortunate people, once their maſters, now by German arms made their ſlaves, and by their own credulity their priſoners. *P.*

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